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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 30TH UNGA YAR POSITION

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1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR D C CARDEN TELEPHONED TODAY, SEPT 30, TO INFORM ME THAT AS PER MY REQUEST OF SEPT 29 HE HAD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED UP WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ASNAJ RE YEMEN'S POSITION ON KOREAN QUESTION BEFORE UNGA (SEE REFTEL). CARDEN SAID THAT ASNAJ CONFIRMED THAT: A) MAKKI DID NOT FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS, B) ASNAJ ANGRY OVER MAKKI'S INSUBORDINATION, AND C) YEMEN WILL ABSTAIN DURING VOTING ON KOREAN QUESTION.

2. CARDEN CONTINUED THAT ASNAJ WAS EVASIVE, HOWEVER, ON QUESTION OF WITHDRAWAL OF YEMENI SPONSORSHIP OF THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION, THEREBY CONFIRMING IN CARDEN'S MIND THAT ASNAJ HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO FIND A DIPLOMATIC WAY OUT OF MESS CREATED BY MAKKI. CARDEN SUGGESTED THAT CHINESE MIGHT ALSO BE PRESSURING YEMENIS ON THIS QUESTION. CARDEN STATED THAT HE INFORMING LONDON AS WELL

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AS USUN MISSION OF ABOVE AND IS RECOMMENDING THAT FOLLOW UP BE

MADE WITH ASNAJ DURING LATTER'S SOJOURN IN NEW YORK WHICH WILL BEGIN
ON OCT 2 AND RUN FOR APPROX TEN DAYS.

2. COMMENT: I AGREE WITH CARDEN THAT AS OF NOW IT LOOKS AS
THOUGH ASNAJ IS UNABLE TO EXTRICATE YARG FROM EMBARRASSING
DILEMA RESULTING FROM MAKKI'S INSUBORDINATION. CHINESE PRESSURES
MAY BE IMPORTANT REASON FOR ASNAJ'S FIDDICULTIES. IN
TYPICALLY YEMENI FASHION, THEREFORE, IT MAY BE THAT ASNAJ HAS
CONCLUDED BEST THING TO DO IS ALLOW SPONSORSHIP OF HOSTILE
RESOLUTION TO STAND WHILE GIVING CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS
THAT YARG WILL NOT RPT NOT VOTE ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION. ASNAJ
IS NO FOOL AND HE IS DOUBTLESS AWARE OF CONTRADICTION
INHERENT IN SUCH A DECISION. THUS, MORE THAN LIKELY YEMEN'S
ABSTENTION FROM VOTING WILL TAKE FORM OF PHYSICAL ABSENCE
FROM UNGA DURING DEBATE AND VOTE ON BOTH HOSTILE AND FRIENDLY
RESOLUTIONS. IN THIS WAY ASNAJ MAY WELL HOPE TO BLUNT CHINESE
PRESSURES AS WELL AS TO SATISFY US REQUESTS.
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